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Transmitted herewith are the papers required to enter the national stage in the U.S. as a designated office/elected office for the following PCT international patent application:

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER: PCT/GB2002/004716**

**Int'l Filing Date: 17 October 2002**

**1st Priority Date: 4 January 2002**

**Inventor(s): Mark Panton**

**For: "TAPE DISPENSER"**

☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f))

The United States Patent Office is: (select one)

☐ A Designated Office (No Demand was filed - See 37 CFR 1.494)

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**Enclosures:**

☒ A copy of the international application (if this line is not checked, the international application was previously communicated by the International Bureau or the international application was originally filed in the U.S. PTO).

☐ An English Translation of the International Application

☒ A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

☐ A copy of amendments made under PCT Article 19

☐ A translation of amendments made under PCT Article 19

☐ A copy of the amendments made under PCT Article 34 (annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

☐ A translation of amendments made under PCT Article 34 (annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449 and cited references

☐ An Assignment of the Invention to:

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- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment  
☒ A copy of the International Search Report  
☐ A copy of the Preliminary Examination Report  
☐ A Substitute Specification ☐ Marked up copy of Substitute Specification

Fee Calculation:

- ☒ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.  
☒ BASIC FEE \$460.00  
 (IPEA-U.S. \$730/365; ISA-U.S. \$770/385; PTO not ISA or IPEA \$1,080/540;  
 U.S. IPEA all claims meet 33(1)-(4) \$100/50; File w/ EPO or JPO search report \$920/460;)  
☐ Surcharge for filing a late oath or declaration (\$130/65) \$  
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☐ Assignment recordal fee (\$40) \$  
☐ Multiple dependent claims (\$290/145) \$  
☐ Excess claims - see calculation below \$  
 Total Claims: 25 - 20 = 5 X \$18/9 per claim = \$  
 Independent Claims: 2 - 3 = - X \$86/43 per ind. claim = \$  
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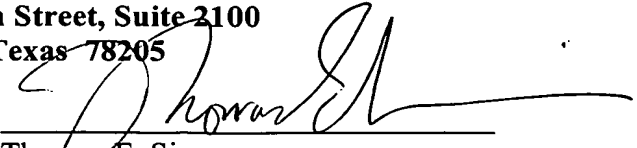
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